



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re of the Application of

Frank Diehl

Serial Number: 10/082,395

Filed: February 25, 2002

For: PROCESS FOR BINDING  
NUCLEIC ACIDS TO CARRIER

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**Group Art Unit: 1634**

**Examiner: Betty J. Forman**

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2003**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the office action dated November 12, 2003; with the period for response extended three months (a request for extension of time is enclosed ) reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.